

DAILY PLANET

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Army-NASA Virtual Reality Lab Opens at Marshall Monday

A new, cutting-edge, virtual reality laboratory -- created by Marshall and the Army Missile Command -- is opening its doors Monday. The Army-NASA Virtual Innovations Lab, in Bldg. 4663, will enable "virtual experiences" through use of a head-mounted display of computer-generated, three-dimensional, interactive environments. The lab will be a resource for the community for new technology development, deployment and education projects.

Marshall-Developed Rocket Engine Speeds Into Final Stage of Design

The Fastrac engine, developed by engineers at Marshall, has been cleared for the final stage of design. A detailed analysis concluded that the engine meets design requirements and can continue on its "fast-track" schedule for launch next year. The focus now shifts to building and testing the engine which is scheduled to power the X-34 technology demonstration vehicle on its first flight in late 1998.

Special Day Planned for Marshall Employees and Their Children

"Take Our Children to Work" is planned for June 19. Marshall employees may bring their children, grades 3 - 12, to work for the day. Activities will include a program in Morris Auditorium, tours of Center facilities and time for children to spend with parents at work. Registration forms are available in the Equal Opportunity Office, Bldg. 4200, Room 220. **Contact:** Alicia Beam, 4-2849.